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**Economist, financial analyst, or realtor sought for  
Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission**

**SEATTLE** – The Seattle Urban Forestry Commission is looking for a new member to fill Position # 9. This position is occupied by an economist, financial analyst, Washington State licensed real estate broker, or any other similar professional, with expertise preferred in land use planning, environmental planning, or either residential or commercial development. The term would start upon selection and extend through December 1, 2013. The term is renewable for an additional three years. Recruitment process closes October 31, 2012.

This position is appointed by the Urban Forestry Commission and confirmed by City Council. The nine-member Commission consists of a wildlife biologist; an urban ecologist; a representative of a local, state, or federal natural resource agency or an accredited university; a hydrologist; a certified arborist; a representative of a non-profit or non-governmental organization; a representative of the development community or a representative from a non-city utility; and an economist, financial analyst, or Washington State license real estate broker.

To apply, please email your letter of interest and resume to Sandra Pinto de Bader ([Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov)). To send a paper submittal, address it to:

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The Urban Forestry Commission was established in 2009 by Ordinance 123052 to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle. Commission meetings are held the first and second Wednesday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Commission members generally must commit approximately 10 hours per month to Commission business and serve without compensation. Additional information about the Urban Forestry Commission can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission>.

The City of Seattle set the bold goal of achieving 30 percent tree canopy cover by 2037 to increase the environmental, social, and economic benefits trees bring to Seattle residents. The 2007 Seattle Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is a comprehensive strategy for increasing Seattle's tree canopy cover to meet the 30 percent target. The UFMP lays out goals and a broad range of actions to be implemented over time to preserve, maintain, and plant trees as well as restore the public forested areas remaining in the city. More information about Seattle's urban forest program can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/management.htm>